

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, April is recognized nationally as fair housing month and commemorates the 56th anniversary of the passage of the Fair Housing Act, the landmark civil rights law signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson on April 11, 1968, that made discrimination in housing transactions unlawful; and

WHEREAS, the Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing based on race, color, religion, sex, familial status, national origin, and disability, and commits recipients of federal funding to affirmatively further fair housing in their communities; and

WHEREAS, affirmatively furthering fair housing requires the City of Columbia to take meaningful actions to overcome patterns of segregation, promote fair housing choice, eliminate disparities in opportunities, and foster inclusive communities free from discrimination; and

WHEREAS, the Columbia Housing Authority has successfully provided affordable housing and supportive services to over 2000 vulnerable households annually in Columbia and Boone County since 1956; and

WHEREAS, the Columbia Housing Authority implemented the Family Self-Sufficiency Program in 2004 to provide access to and eliminate disparities in economic opportunity by supporting its residents and participants with creating five-year plans to increase household education, income, credit, and household savings; and

WHEREAS, the Columbia Housing Authority continues to innovate with community partners to foster an environment of economic opportunity and upward mobility with access to services, programs, case management, and the promotion of homeownership for Columbia Housing Authority Residents; and

WHEREAS, the Columbia Housing Authority supports over 125 participant households annually through the Family Self-Sufficiency Program, to include the person being recognized tonight for successful completion of the program;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Barbara Buffaloe, Mayor of the City of Columbia, Missouri do hereby do proclaim April 2024 as

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

in the City of Columbia, Missouri, and urge Columbia residents to be committed to quality, innovative programs like the Family Self-Sufficiency Program and to offer support so that program participants are able to continue to access housing stability and economic opportunity.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed hereto the seal of the City of Columbia, this 10th day of April, 2024.

Barbara Buffaloe

Barbara Buffaloe, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sheela Amin

Sheela Amin, City Clerk

